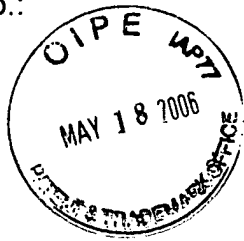


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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for extension of time for a total period of one (1) month. Based on the extension requested, the extended period for response will expire on May 15, 2006.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed with this Petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0467. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles N.J. Ruggiero".

Date: May 15, 2006

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